

TENBY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TENBY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 3rd MAY 2019

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs S Lane	Mayor
Councillors Mrs C Brown	
Councillor Mrs T Rossiter	
Councillor Mrs T. Evans	
Councillor Mr T Brown	
Councillor Mr P Rapi	
Councillor Mrs S Skyrme-Blackhall	
Councillor Mr L Blackhall	
Councillor Mr T Hallett	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr A. Davies	Clerk to the Council/Financial Officer
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1. TO SIGN THE REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE

All present signed the Register of Attendance.

2. SERGEANT AT ARMS, REV JOHN MORGAN OPENED THE MEETING WITH PRAYERS

Sergeant at Arms, Rev. John Morgan was invited to open the evening's meeting with a prayer.

3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk had received apologies from Councillor Mr M Evans and the Assistant to the Clerk, Mrs. S. Thompson.

4. TO ELECT THE MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2019/20

The Mayor asked all Councillors in turn if they wished to stand for the Election of Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Brown indicated that he would like to stand. The Mayor, declining to stand for another term, asked for a proposer.

Councillor Mrs. Christine Brown proposed that Councillor Brown be elected as Mayor for 2019/20.

Having worked with him both in his capacity as a councillor and as a trustee of the De Valence, she knew he was hard working and conscientious and would do his very best for the town..

She was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Skyrme-Blackhall. She had known Councillor Brown for most of her life and he was a very proud Tenbyite. He was very passionate about our town and would do Tenby proud as its ambassador and First Citizen.

Resolved that Councillor Tony Brown be elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

5. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Clerk congratulated Councillor Brown on his appointment as Mayor of Tenby before asking him to perform the Declaration of Acceptance of Office followed by the Swearing of the Oath.

The Mayor's party then left the meeting to undertake the robing. On returning Councillor Brown took the chair and thanked fellow Councillors for electing him and for their support.

6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2019/20

The Mayor proposed that Councillor Mrs. Brown be appointed Deputy Mayor for 2019/20.

Councillor Rapi congratulated Councillor Brown on his appointment and seconded his proposal adding that he could not think of anyone who would be better placed to support Councillor Brown over the ensuing year

Resolved that Councillor Mrs Brown be elected Deputy Mayor for the year 2019/20.

The Mayor presented Councillor Mrs Brown with the Deputy Mayor's Chain and Scroll.

7. APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT AT ARMS AND SERGEANT AT MACE

Councillor Hallett congratulated Councillor Brown on being appointed 630th Mayor of the town before saying it was a great honour to propose that Rev. John Morgan be appointed Sergeant at Arms, Mrs Denise Cousins as Sergeant at Mace and Mr Jim Cornwell as Tenby Town Crier.

Councillor Mrs. Evans seconded the proposal.

Resolved that Rev. John Morgan be appointed Sergeant at Arms, Mrs Denise Cousins as Sergeant at Mace and Mr Jim Cornwell as Tenby Town Crier.

The Mayor presented Rev. J Morgan, Mrs Denise Cousins and Mr J Cornwell with their Scrolls.

8. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Mr Blackhall opened by congratulating the Mayor on his appointment.

He said it was an honour to propose a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, not just for the previous year but for the previous eight occasions she had held the position.

Councillor Mrs. Lane had sometimes taken on the role of mayor not just because she wanted to but, at times, because no-one else had been prepared to step up. This showed her love of the town and sense of duty.

She always wants what is best for the town, be it supporting our gardens, local organisations or young people. She was always there to bring people together to discuss what is best for our town and always encouraged new councillors.

To give real service, you must have sincerity and integrity. Councillor Mrs. Lane has that.

Councillor Mrs. Rossiter seconded the vote of thanks commenting that Councillor Mrs. Lane had been nothing but professional as Mayor and had always conducted herself with dignity.

Resolved that the Council record an official vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor.

9. RESPONSE BY RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Mrs. Lane thanked all for their support over the past year saying that it had been an honour and a privilege. Although she had been mayor on a number of occasions it did not diminish the way she felt about the role and the town.

She thanked Councillors Blackhall and Mrs. Rossiter for their kind words and the whole council for their support over the year.

She thanked all the local organisations who had involved her in their events over the year and her deputy mayor, Councillor Mrs. Brown for her support.

Family was important to her and she thanked her family for again supporting her, particularly her daughter Sian who had carried out her duties as mayoress with dignity and decorum.

She thanked Father Fewell for his time as her Mayor’s Chaplain. Sadly he had moved away during her time in office due to ill-health and she wished him well.

She also thanked Rev Morgan, Mrs. Cousins and Mr Cornwell for their great support and wonderful company while fulfilling their roles as Mace Bearers and Town Crier.

Lastly she thanked the Town Clerk and his assistant, Mrs. Thompson for always supporting ‘whatever ridiculous plans I come up with!’

10. ADJOURNMENT OF STATUTORY BUSINESS

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. T. Evans that all statutory business be adjourned, seconded by Councillor T. Hallett. The proposition was carried.

Resolved that all statutory business be adjourned until the next Meeting of Council which would be held at the De Valence Pavilion on Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 7.30 pm.

11. PRAYERS

Sergeant at Arms, Rev. John Morgan closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date _____